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Silverdale Thunder hydroplane races

Temporary “no wake zone” established for Dyes Inlet; Temporary street closures in Old Town Silverdale

Silverdale, Wash. – The Kitsap County Board of Commissioners has enacted a resolution temporarily restricting boat / vessel actions in a portion of Dyes Inlet, Central Kitsap, as a public safety concern during this weekend’s Silverdale Thunder hydroplane races. The races are held under the auspices of the Unlimited Light Hydroplane Racing Association.

The Board of Commissioners has also enacted a temporary resolution to close certain county streets in Old Town Silverdale during the races.

No wake zone

Resolution #152-2007, enacts a “no wake zone” for the northern part of Dyes Inlet beginning at 7:00 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 18, and ending at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 19.

The “no wake” resolution affects all watercraft in the area with the exception of the hydroplanes actually participating in the races.

Patrol craft of the Kitsap County Sheriff’s Office marine services unit will be in Dyes Inlet all weekend to enforce the resolution.

“The safety of the boating public is paramount,” said Sheriff Steve Boyer. “We are anticipating high density, heavily congested afloat traffic in Dyes Inlet as boaters use their personal watercraft to view the hydroplanes. Come out and enjoy the races and the good weather, but we expect all boaters to comply with the temporary resolution and maintain very slow speeds within the zone.”

The “no wake zone” extends across the northern third of Dyes Inlet; with an imaginary line drawn from NW Barker Creek Road, on the east side of the inlet, then west – southwest across the inlet to NW Holly Park Drive (off Chico Way). The “no wake zone” will be readily marked with buoys.

Copies of “no wake zone” notices have been provided to local marinas and yacht clubs and have been publicly posted at Silverdale Waterfront Park and adjacent areas.

Street closures

Resolution #069-2007 requires the temporary closure of the following streets in Old Town Silverdale, during the Silverdale Thunder hydroplane races, in the interest of public safety:

- NW Byron Street from Washington Avenue NW east to the street end.
- Washington Avenue NW from NW Byron Street south to the street end.
- McConnell Avenue NW from NW Byron Street south to the street end.

All vehicular traffic, with the exception of authorized official / emergency vehicles, are prohibited from entering these areas during the time periods from 9:00 a.m., Friday, Aug. 17 to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 19.

The Silverdale Thunder hydroplane races are sponsored by the Silverdale Chamber of Commerce. Further information can be found at:

<http://www.silverdalechamber.com>

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